

Region 2 Headquarters 3201 Spurgin Road Missoula, MT 59804 June 27, 2014

Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed you will find for your review the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposal to implement a site improvement and protection project at the Spurgin Road access to the Kelly Island Fishing Access Site (FAS), located in the Target Range area west of Missoula in Missoula County. FWP proposes to construct a new concrete boat ramp, stabilize the adjacent riverbank, expand and improve the parking layout, add a loop road to improve traffic flow and boat launching, and pave entrance and internal roads and parking areas. The purpose is to better accommodate existing public recreational use, prevent further degradation of the FAS and reduce impacts to the Clark Fork River.

The Draft EA is also available for review in Helena at FWP's Headquarters, the State Library and the Environmental Quality Council. A copy may be obtained by mailing Region 2 FWP (address above), phoning 406-542-5500, emailing shrose@mt.gov, or viewing FWP's Internet website http://fwp.mt.gov ("Public Notices," beginning June 30).

Comments on this draft EA and proposed project must be received by FWP no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 29, 2014. Comments should be mailed to Rory Zarling at the address above or emailed to rzarling@mt.gov. If you have questions, please contact Rory Zarling at 406-542-5561.

As part of the decision making process under the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), I plan to issue the Decision Notice for this EA soon after the end of the public comment period.

Sincerely,

Randy Arnold

Regional Supervisor

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Enclosure: Draft EA for Kelly Island FAS Improvement Project